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AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA

1. GOF HAS RECENTLY NAMED PIERRE RENARD, WHO HOLDS THE RANK OF COUNSELOR FIRST CLASS IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN SERVICE, AS AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA. PUBLISHED SOURCES INDICATE HE WAS BORN IN 1924, HOLDS DEGREES IN LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE AND GRADUATED FROM THE ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION IN 1948.

2. RENARD STARTED HIS CAREER AS A CIVIL SERVANT IN THE FRENCH ADMINISTRATION IN MOROCCO (1948-1955), AND THEN BECAME CHARGE DE MISSION IN THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR MOROCCAN AND TUNISIAN AFFAIRS (1955). HE RETURNED TO THE QUAI TO SERVE IN THE OFFICE OF MOROCCAN AND TUNISIAN AFFAIRS (1956-1957), THEN WAS NAMED FIRST SECRETARY IN KARACHI (1958-1959), CHEF DE CABINET IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE QUAI (1960), AND THEN TO THE OFFICE OF TREATY AFFAIRS (1960-1964). HE BECAME SECOND COUNSELOR AT THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO NATO (1964-1967), SECOND AND THEN FIRST COUNSELOR IN ALGIERS (1967-1969) AND HELD THE SAME RANK IN BEIRUT (1969-1972). HE ATTENDED THE INSTITUTE OF HIGHER STUDIES OF NATIONAL DEFENSE FROM 1972 TO 1973, SERVED AT THE QUAI DEALING WITH CSCE IN 1973 AND SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION

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IN GENEVA TO THE CSCE BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 1973.

RENARD IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

3. EMBOFF WHO WORKED WITH RENARD DURING CSCE NEGOTIATION RECALLS HIM AS AN INTENSE, PURPOSEFUL AND SKILLED NEGOTIATOR. WHILE FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS, AND ABLE TO WORK IN ENGLISH, RENARD'S PREFERENCE FOR SPEAKING FRENCH WHENEVER POSSIBLE REFLECTS HIS UNDERLYING INTENSE LOYALTY TO ASSERTING HIS NATION'S INTERESTS. HE IS PERSONALLY A HEAVY-SET, NOT OVERLY ELEGANT BEAR OF A MAN, AFFABLE, GOOD HUMORED, AND VERY DECENT. HIS BROAD EXPERIENCE IS REFLECTED OFTEN IN VERY SHREWD JUDGMENTS, AS SEEN FROM FRENCH PERSPECTIVE. WHEN NEED BE, HE CAN BE TOUGH AND IS A GOOD ALLY WHEN INTERESTS COINCIDE. IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT IT SHOULD BE EASY TO CULTIVATE HIM AS A USEFUL COLLEAGUE.
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